

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
of the Educator Certificate of)
Alan M. White)
Certificate 168793)

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on July 12, 2006. On May 19, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Alan M. White of the possible suspension of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Mr. White requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to accept a period of suspension of his certificate, with the understanding that he has initiated and will continue a course of treatment and mental health counseling, as determined by a licensed medical doctor and a licensed mental health counselor. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. White's certificate, under the agreed-upon terms as outlined in this Consent Order.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Alan M. White holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over thirteen years of teaching experience. Since 1993, Mr. White has been employed as a Mathematics teacher in the Edgefield County School District (District), most recently assigned to Strom Thurmond High School. Mr. White's employment was terminated by the District on February 27, 2006, following an investigation into

allegations that he had engaged in inappropriate conduct toward a female student, in violation of the District's harassment policy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The State Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Alan M. White for a period commencing retroactively on February 27, 2006, through July 31, 2007. Accordingly, the State Board issues this Consent Order of Suspension, with the understanding that if Mr. White wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he must submit to the Department's Office of General Counsel current verification from a licensed medical doctor and a licensed mental health counselor that he has successfully completed or is continuing a course of treatment and mental health counseling, as determined by the doctor and the counselor.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

July 12, 2006

I, Alan M. White, S.C. Educator Certificate 168793, do hereby agree to this Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on July 12, 2006.

/S/ Alan M. White
Alan M. White

7/11/2006
Date